





# NELHA

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority

“Hawaii’s most innovative ocean science and technology park”

Welcome to the  
Natural Energy Laboratory  
of Hawaii Authority



Learn how NELHA and its  
business and research partners  
are using sunshine,  
seawater and ingenuity  
to bring economic  
development and diversity  
to the State of Hawaii.



- Highest Solar Insolation (Coastal USA)
- Abundant Cold Sea Water Source (~5°C)
- Abundant Warm Class AA Sea Water Source (~26°C)
- Deepest-Widest-Longest Pipeline Infrastructure
- World Leader in Algae Technology
- Acres of Undeveloped Land
- Borders International Airport
- Free Trade & Enterprise Zones
- Culture of Experimentation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship

[nelha.org](http://nelha.org)

# NELHA MISSION STATEMENT:

**To develop and diversify the Hawai'i  
economy,  
by providing resources and facilities  
for energy and ocean-related  
research, education, and commercial  
activities  
in an environmentally sound  
and culturally sensitive manner.**

# What is NELHA?

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- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- RESEARCH SUPPORT FACILITY
- TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR
- BUSINESS INCUBATOR

# NELHA Contribution



- Over 300+ JOBS (90% privately funded)
- Over \$35 M annual economic impact

Local Employees

New Skills

Value to the Community

# NELHA AND OTEC

THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY HAWAI'I AUTHORITY [NELHA] AND OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION [OTEC] HAVE BEEN INTEGRALLY CONNECTED SINCE THEIR ORIGINAL CONCEPTION IN 1974.

THE INTERESTS IN NELHA & OTEC HAVE DRAWN A DIRECT PARALLEL TO ENERGY [OIL] COSTS.

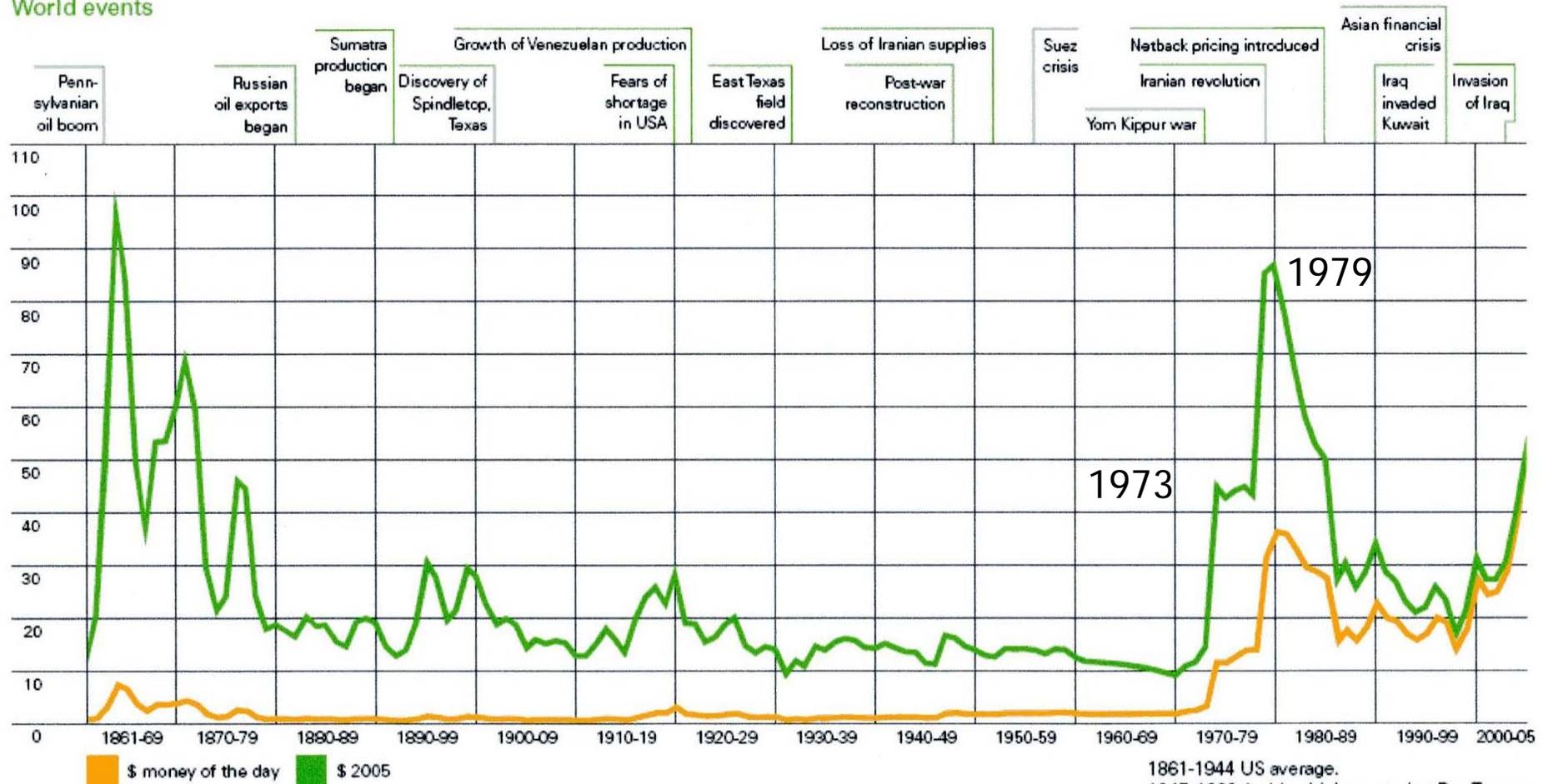
# Crude oil prices since 1861



## Crude oil prices since 1861

US dollars per barrel

World events



1861-1944 US average.  
 1945-1983 Arabian Light posted at Ras Tanura.  
 1984-2005 Brent dated.

# AN ANCIENT MARINER



*"The status quo is too entrenched - the next generation will benefit from these technologies"*

*John Craven*

# NELHA HISTORY

- 1974, NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY HAWAI'I [NELH] MANDATED BY HAWAI'I FOR OTEC RESEARCH AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES; ~324 ACRES.
- 1976 EARLY MARINE BIOFOULING AND CORROSION EXPERIMENTS AT KEAHOLE POINT FUNDED BY DOE
- 1979, MINI-OTEC BARGE AT KEAHOLE POINT DEMONSTRATES WORLD'S FIRST NET ELECTRICAL POWER VIA CLOSED CYCLE.
- 1979, WARM SURFACE SEA WATER [SSW]
- 1981, 2000' COLD DEEP SEA WATER [DSW]

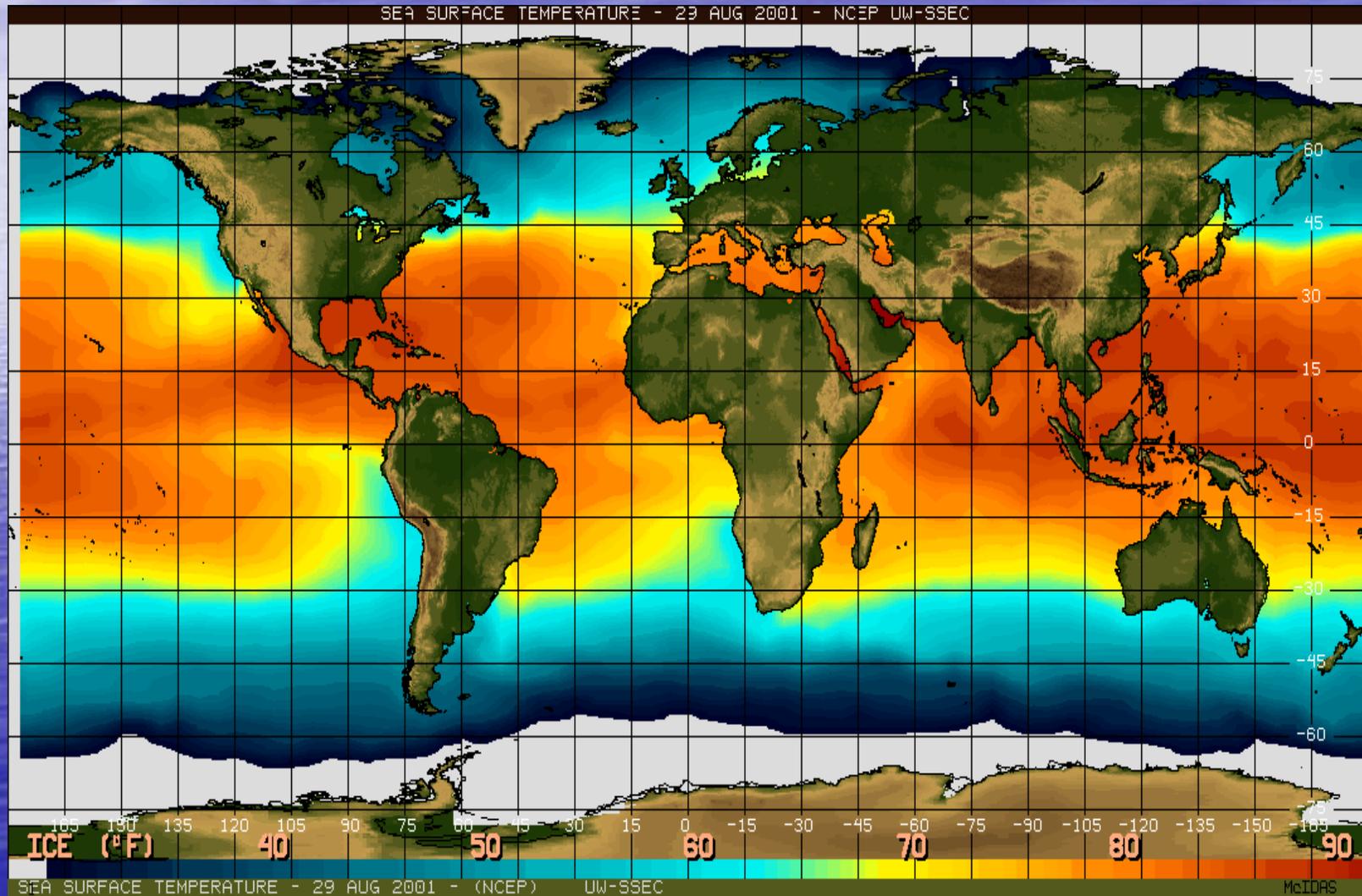
# WHAT IS OTEC

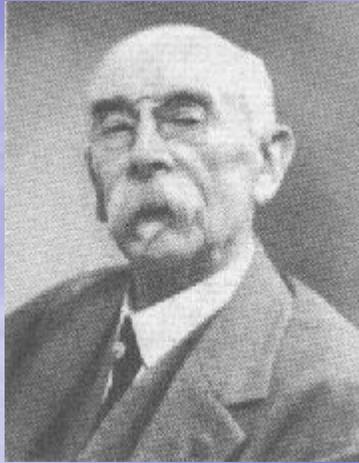
- MASSIVE THERMAL ENERGY RESOURCE
- FIRM BASE LOAD POWER – 24/7
- ENERGY RESOURCE THAT DOES NOT COMPETE WITH LAND, FOOD, WATER
- ENERGY SOURCE FOR NH<sub>3</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>

# WHY OTEC?

- WARM AND COLD OCEAN TEMPERATURES AVAILABLE ACROSS A WIDE AREA OF THE WORLDS EQUATORIAL OCEANS (20-DEGREE N/S)
- NO FOSSIL FUELS REQUIRED OPERATIONS
- NO POLLUTION EMITTED TO THE ATMOSPHERE
- OPEN CYCLE BYPRODUCT: CLEAN WATER
- DSW RETURN FROM OTEC HAS MANY USES, AS SHOWN AT NELHA

# SURFACE SEAWATER TEMPERATURES





# OTEC OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION

JACQUES D'ARSONVAL

- 1881 CLOSED CYCLE OTEC CONCEPT PROPOSED BY JACQUES D'ARSONVAL
- 1930 - 1ST OTEC PLANT MATANZAS BAY, CUBA BY GEORGES CLAUDE (OPEN CYCLE - NEGATIVE NET POWER)
- 1979 - MINI-OTEC - WORLD'S FIRST NET POWER PRODUCING OTEC PLANT (NELH - KEAHOLE POINT HAWAI'I)



# OTEC: OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION

- MINI-OTEC: 1979  
50 kW<sub>gross</sub>



*First net  
power Up to  
15 kW!*



- OPEN-CYCLE OTEC:  
1993

*210 kW*

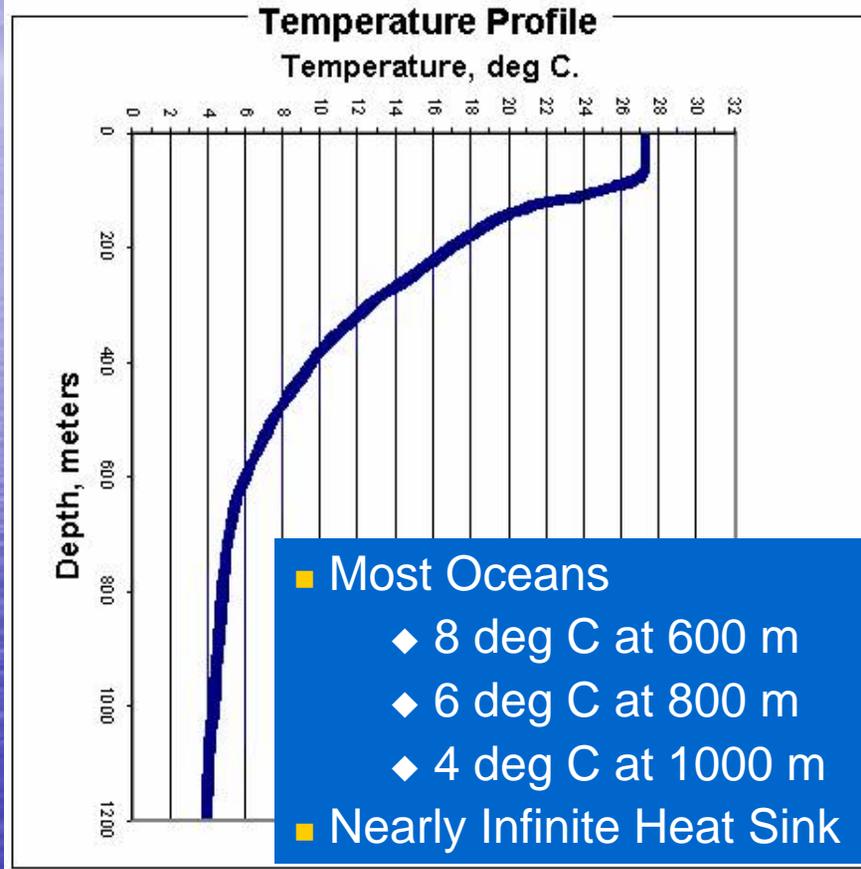


# OTEC AT KEAHOLE PT.?

## NEAR IDEAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT KEAHOLE POINT (DELTA TEMP ~ 40 DEG F)

- SURFACE SEA WATER [SSW], ~80 °F, CAN BE TURNED DIRECTLY INTO STEAM BY LOWERING THE PRESSURE TO NEARLY A FULL VACUUM (32"/Hg).
- DEEP SEA WATER [DSW] [~40 °F] IS USED TO CONDENSE THE STEAM OR VAPOR TO A LIQUID.
  - THE CONDENSED STEAM IS A SOURCE OF PURE WATER [OPEN CYCLE]
  - THE CONDENSED VAPOR IS RECYCLED [CLOSED CYCLE]

# Cold Water: Valuable Resource



# NELHA HISTORY

- 1980-1983, EXPANSION OF TESTING PROGRAM FOR BIOFOULING, CORROSION AND COUNTERMEASURES OF HEAT EXCHANGERS USING SSW & DSW
- 1984, HAWAI'I RECOGNIZES MANY PROFITABLE USES AS A BYPRODUCT OF OTEC DSW/SSW
  - EXPANSION INTO COMMERCIAL USE ON STATE LAND
- 1986, HAWAI'I CREATES HAWAI'I OCEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY [HOST] PARK. ~547 ACRES AND VALUABLE INFRASTRUCTURE ADDED TO NELHA

# NELHA







# NELHA HISTORY

- 1990, NELH & HOST MELDED INTO NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY HAWAI'I AUTHORITY [NELHA]
- 1993-1998, 210 kW CLOSED CYCLE OTEC OPERATES AT NELHA
- 1999, ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES ALLOWED AT NELHA TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERATE REVENUES.

# NELHA OTEC OPEN CYCLE RESEARCH

210 KW OC - OTEC  
EXPERIMENTAL  
POWER PLANT AND  
HEAT & MASS  
TRANSFER SCOPING  
TEST APPARATUS  
(1987 - 1998)





# Team Ahead for Ocean-Energy

...n of this ocean thermal energy conversion plant is to begin in Hawaii. The concrete shell, which a...y, Washington firm helped design, is a huge...amber that turns warm sea water... This drives the turbine... generate electricity... pumped into the center...ber condenses the... potable water.

**House:**  
...al high-density, crack-resistant... experimental power plant is 31... 22 feet in diameter.

**Chamber:**  
...a water is drawn into the... mber, where it turns to steam.

...ses to the top of the chamber... ed to the turbine blades by a... The stator focuses the steam... push on the turbine blades.

**the steam:**  
...the turbine, steam flows down... ped central passage where it... r in the surface condenser or the... bers.

**er:**  
...water is pumped out of the... ly for drinking or irrigation

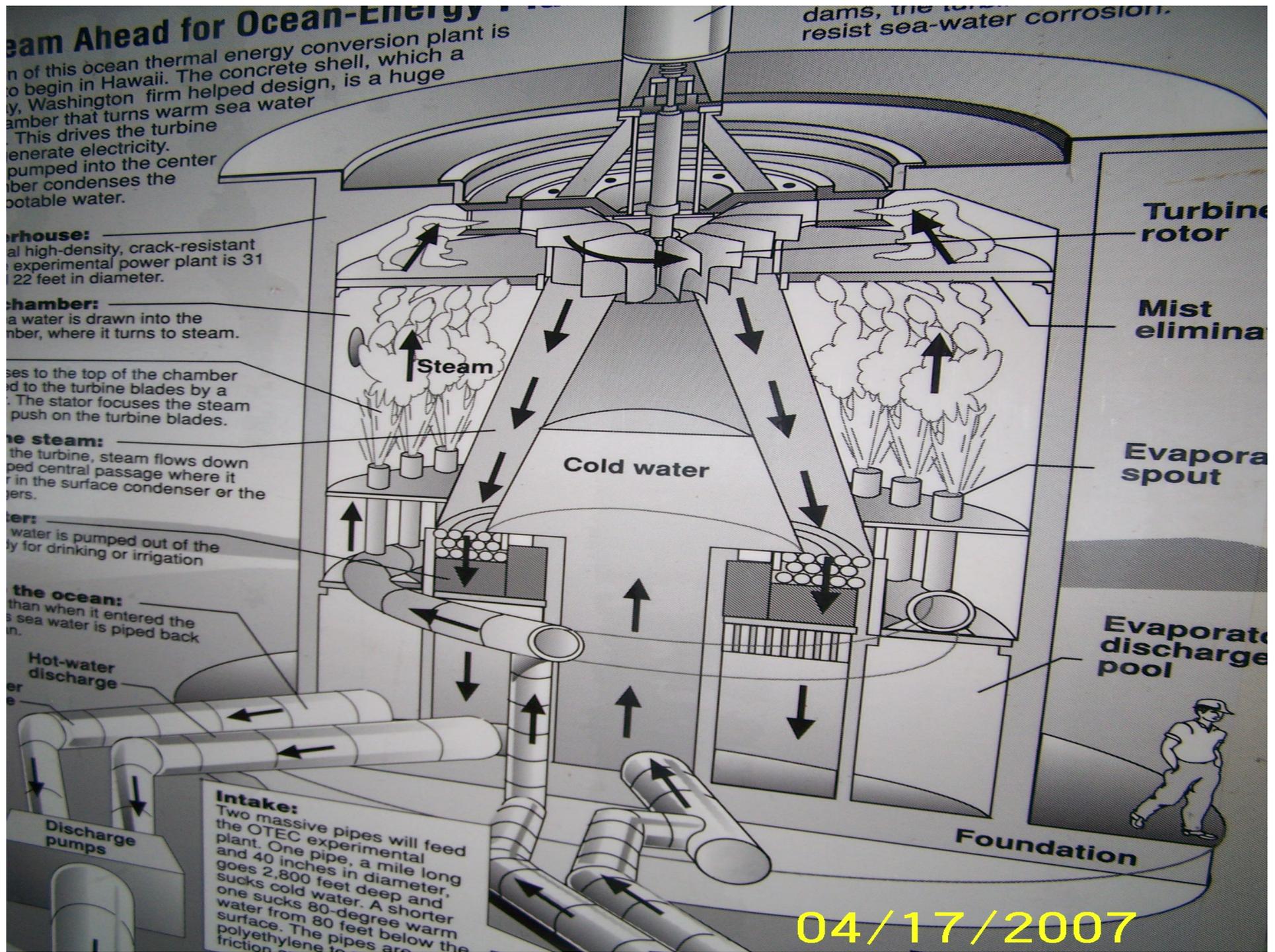
**the ocean:**  
...than when it entered the... s sea water is piped back... n.

**Hot-water discharge**

**Discharge pumps**

**Intake:**  
Two massive pipes will feed the OTEC experimental plant. One pipe, a mile long and 40 inches in diameter, goes 2,800 feet deep and sucks cold water. A shorter one sucks 80-degree warm water from 80 feet below the surface. The pipes are polyethylene to resist sea-water corrosion.

...dams, the... resist sea-water corrosion.



**Turbine rotor**

**Mist eliminator**

**Evaporator spout**

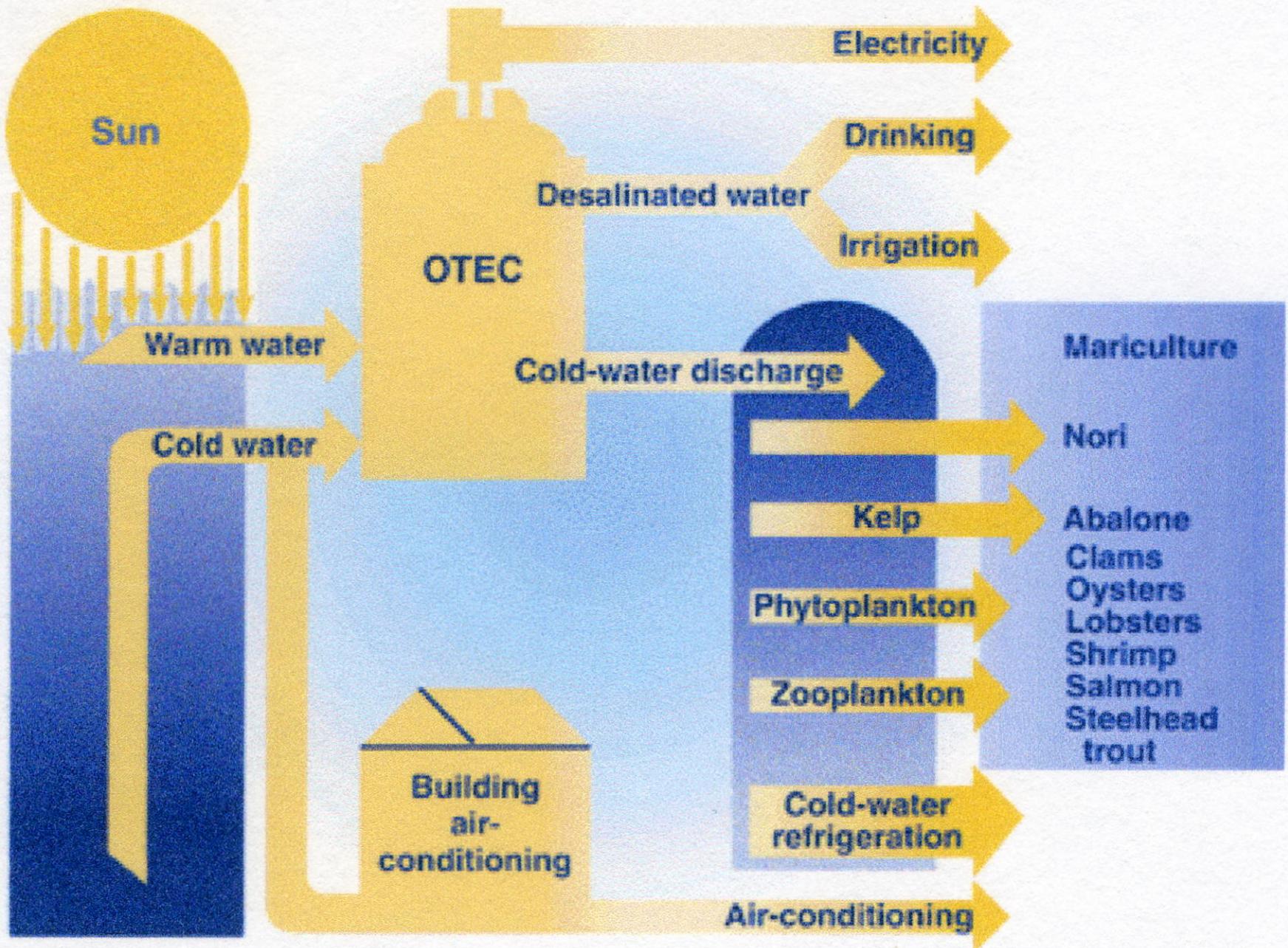
**Evaporator discharge pool**

**Foundation**

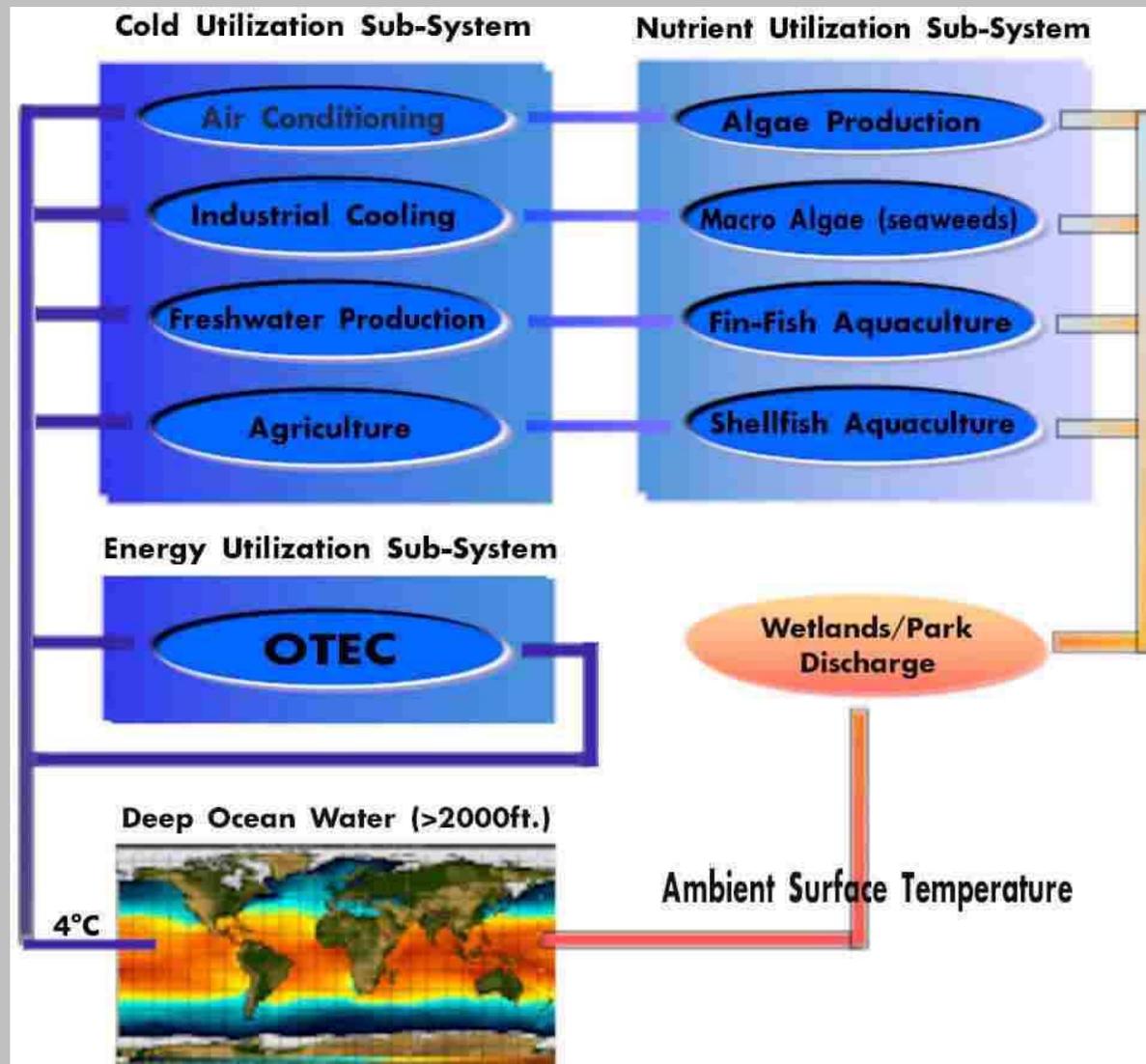
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OTEC  
&  
BEYOND



# MODEL: Deep Ocean Water Energy Recovery System



# NELHA'S DUAL SEA WATER SYSTEMS

- THREE SETS OF WARM AND COLD SYSTEMS
  - DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE ON SHORE RUN IN PARALLEL TO THE VARIOUS TENANTS
  - TENANTS REGULATE TEMPERATURES
  - EACH DUAL SYSTEM SUPPLIES SPECIFIC TENANTS
  - SYSTEMS ARE NOT NORMALLY CROSS CONNECTED



# Awarded 2002 ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award



*The American Society of Civil Engineers - Hawaii Section*

*Presents the*

*2002 Hawaii Section Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award*

*to the*

*HOST Park 55-Inch Deep  
Seawater Supply Pipeline,  
State of Hawaii, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii*

*Hoist Braudes*  
ASCE Hawaii Section President



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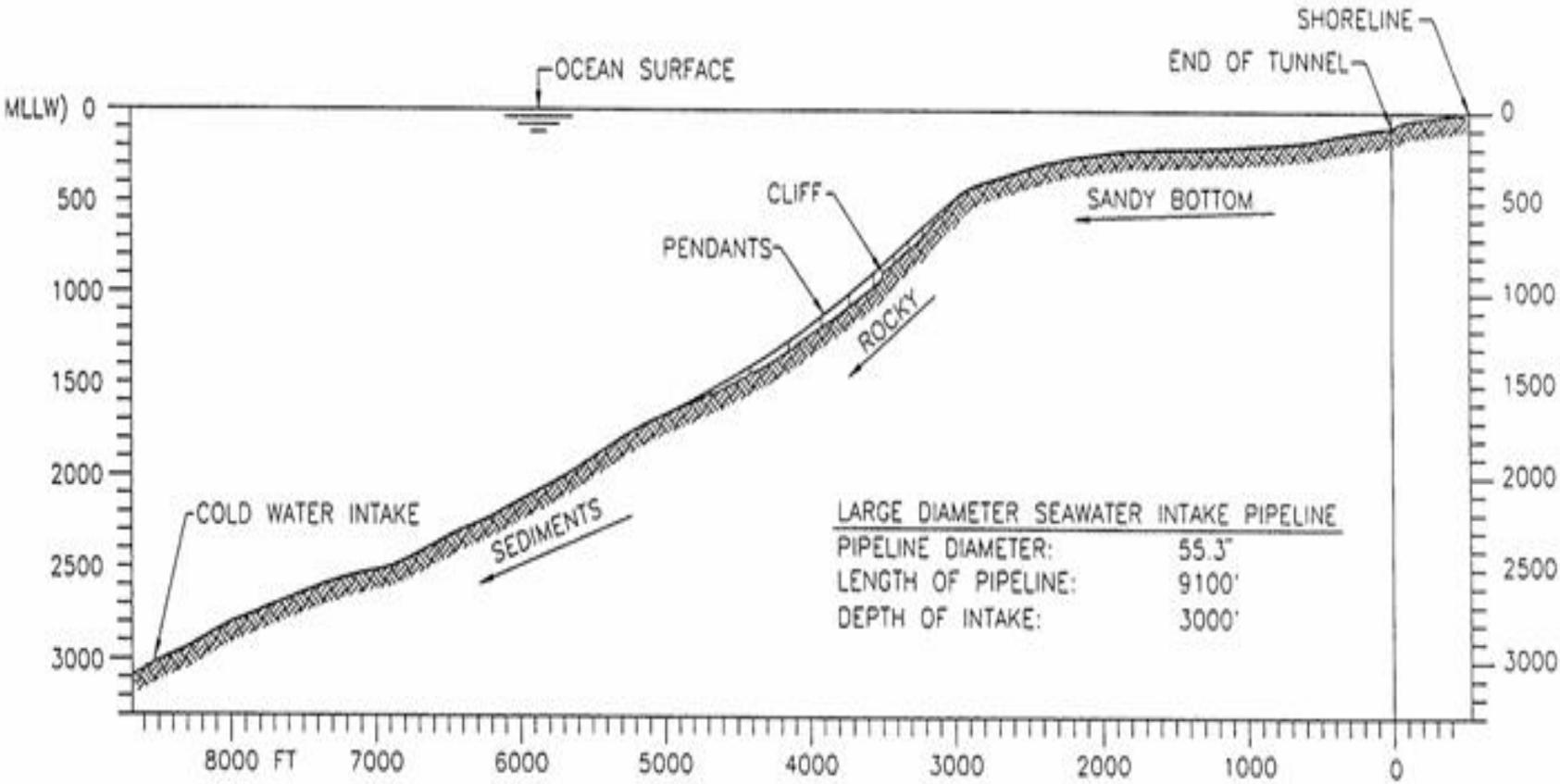
# The Fusion Machine

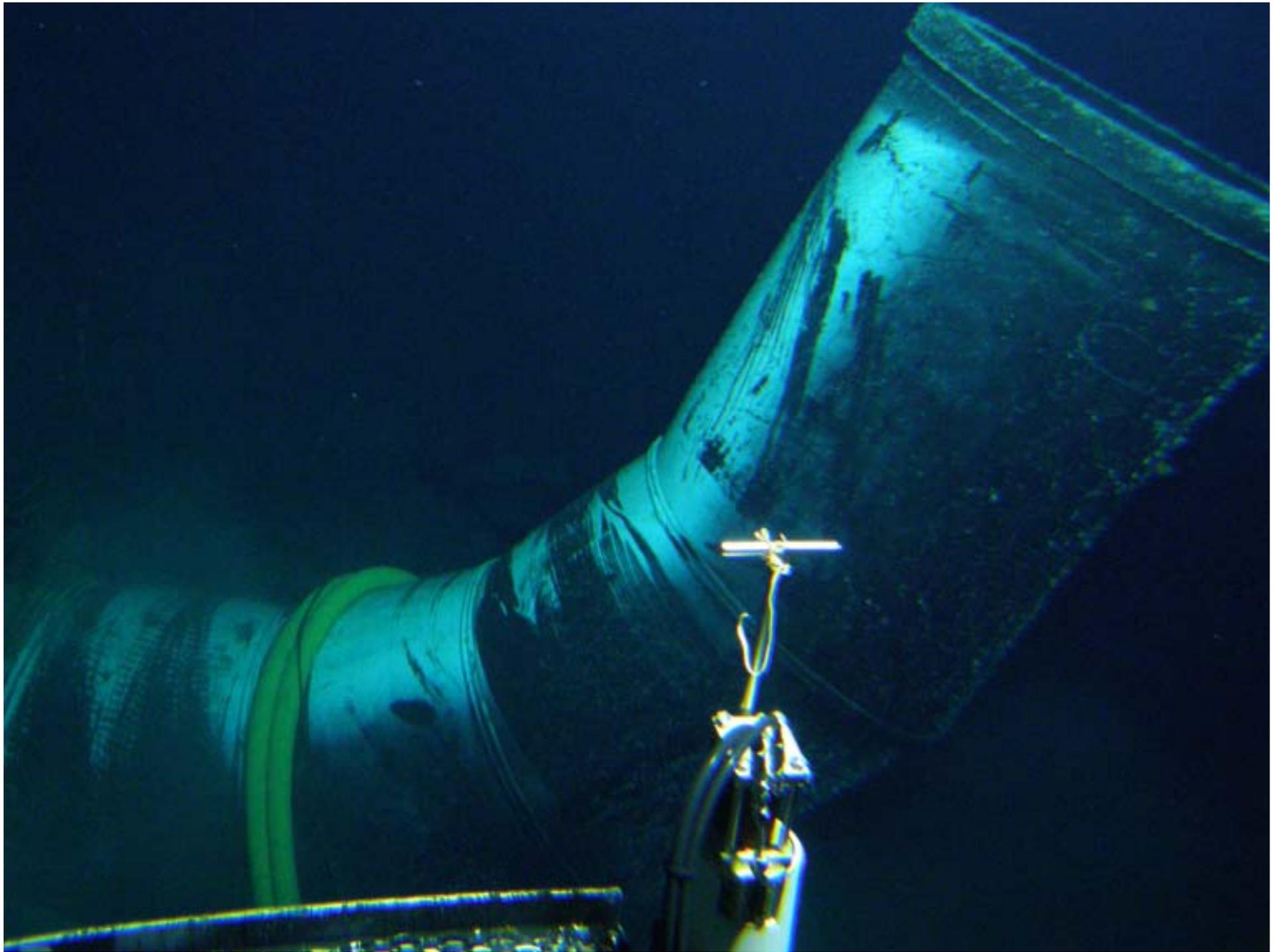


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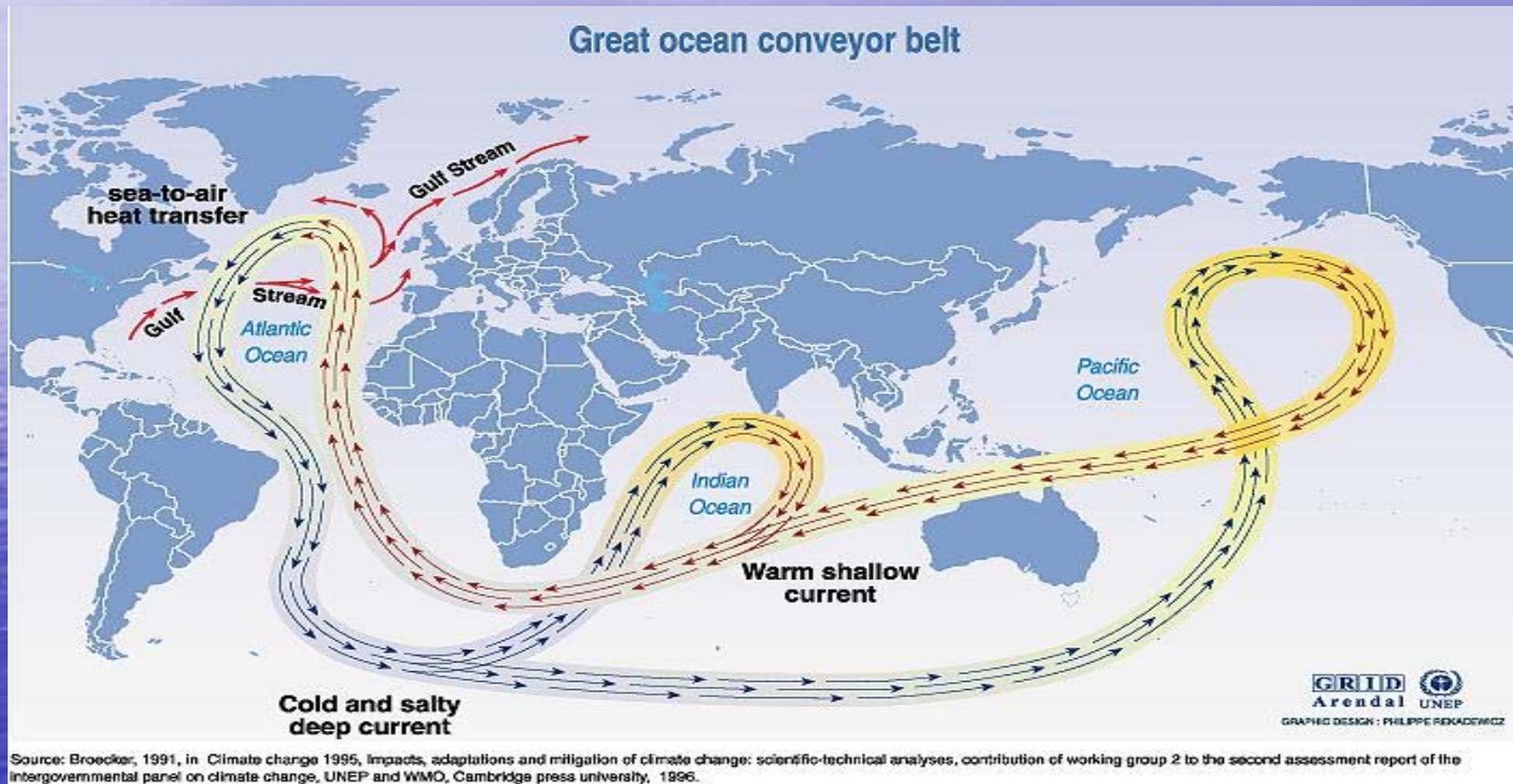


# Side View / Offshore Profile





# THERMOHALINE OCEAN CONVEYOR BELT







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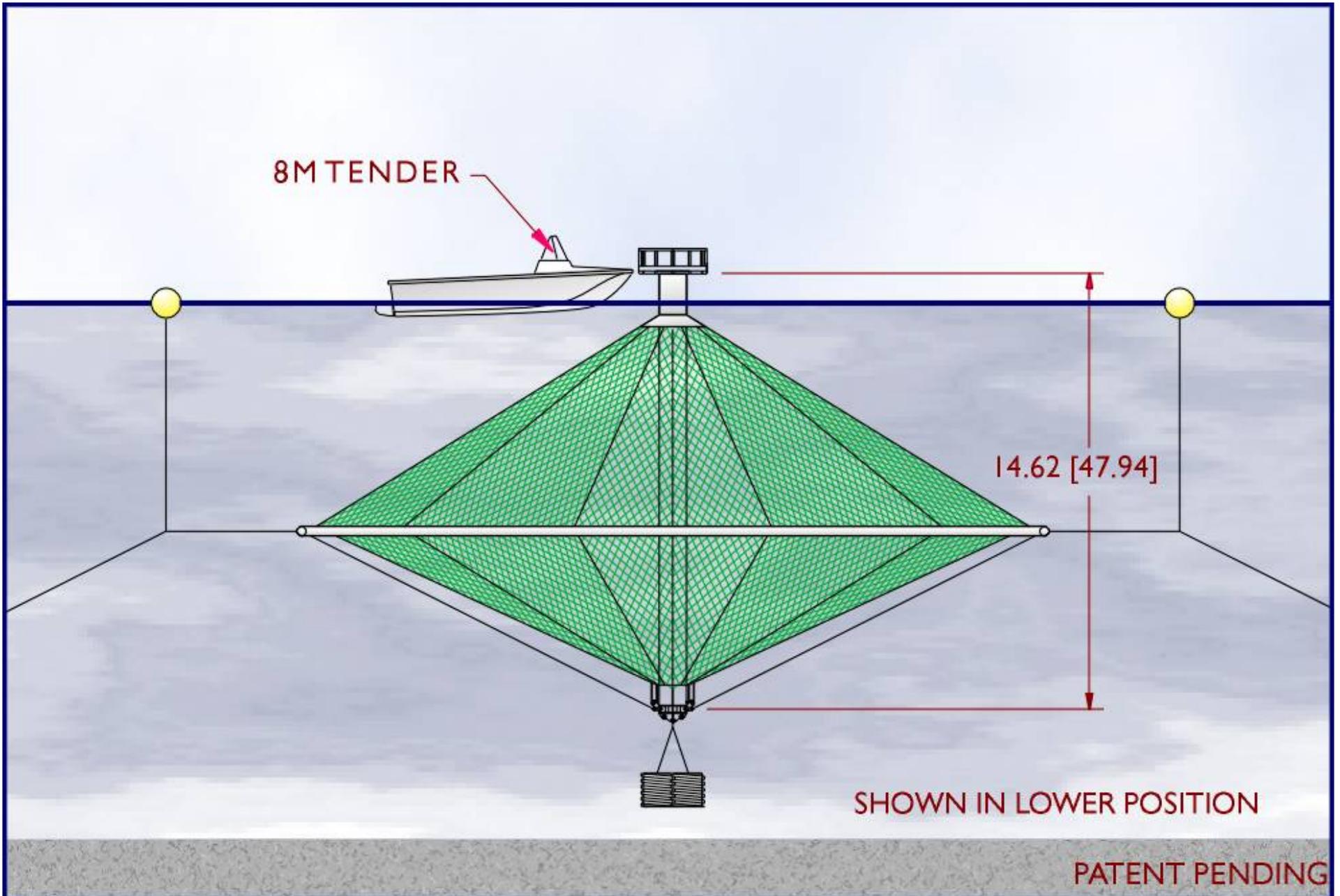
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# PRODUCT: BOTTLED WATER

- NEW MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FOR ASIAN & INTERNATIONAL MARKET
- NOVEL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FROM NELHA DEEP SEAWATER
- INCREASE EXPORTS FROM HAWAI'I TO ASIA







Sketch of OceanSpar SeaStation 3000 at the surface

# PRODUCT: AQUACULTURE



IN AN INTEGRATED DSW SYSTEM, DEEP SEAWATER CAN BE USED TO GROW VALUABLE SEAFOOD PRODUCTS.

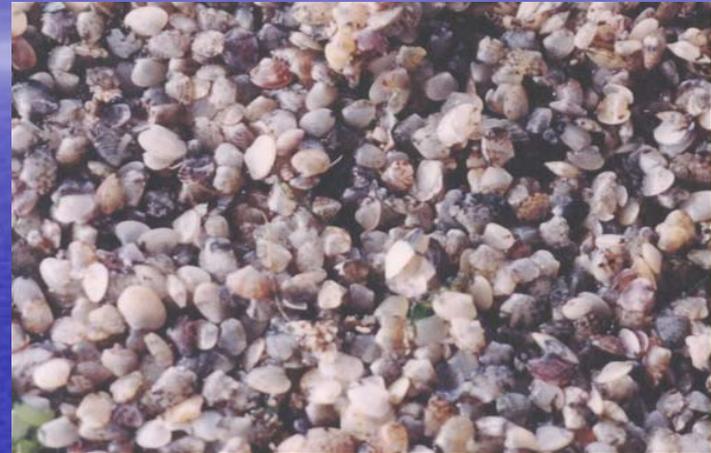
A close-up photograph showing a person's hands holding a large, dark-colored shrimp. The shrimp is positioned horizontally, with its head to the left and tail to the right. The person's hands are visible, with the left hand supporting the shrimp from underneath and the right hand holding it from the side. The shrimp is resting on a blue mesh net. The background is slightly blurred, showing some outdoor elements like a wooden handle and some foliage.

# PRODUCT: SPF SHRIMP BROODSTOCK

- SPF CERTIFIED SHRIMP BROODSTOCK
- STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT GENETIC LINES DEVELOPED THROUGH TRADITIONAL BREEDING TECHNIQUES

# PRODUCT: CLAMS/OYSTER SPAT

- READY FOR SALE AFTER 3.5 MONTHS
- NURSERY PRODUCTION NOT LIMITED BY NATURE'S SEASONS
- COST EFFECTIVE PRODUCTION AT 'WINTERLESS' NELHA



# PRODUCT: COLDWATER ABALONE

- ABALONE IN SHORT SUPPLY WORLDWIDE
- OPTIMIZED GROWING CONDITIONS WITH NELHA RESOURCES



# PRODUCT: MARINE ORNAMENTALS

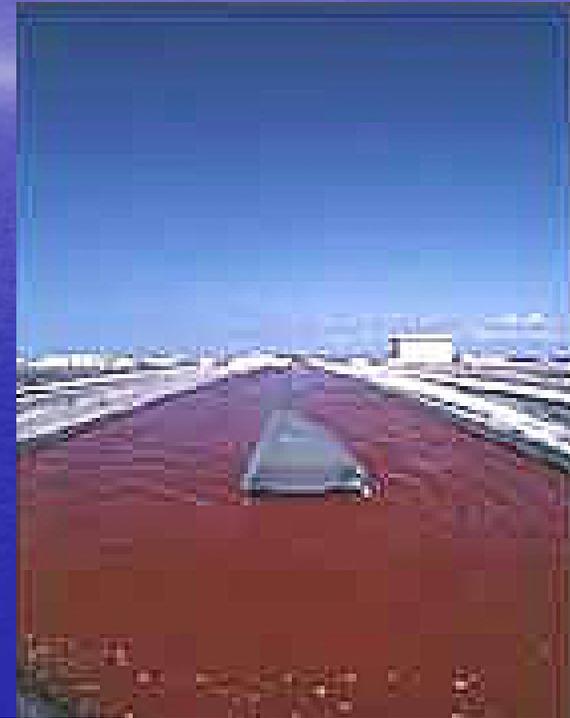
- AQUARIUM INDUSTRY SPECIALTIES WITH INTERNATIONAL MARKET
- R&D AT NELHA PROVIDES BREAKTHROUGHS ON CAPTIVE-BREEDING OF HIGH VALUE, POPULAR SPECIES
- REDUCE PRESSURE ON WILD STOCK



# PRODUCT: NATURAL ASTAXANTHIN

HUMAN NUTRACEUTICAL FROM  
MICROALGAE:

- POWERFUL ANTIOXIDANT
- SUNBURN PROTECTION
- HEALTH BENEFITS FOR:
  - CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME
  - RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS
  - MACULAR DEGENERATION



# PRODUCT: SPIRULINA

## HUMAN NUTRACEUTICAL FROM MICROALGAE:

- CERTIFIED ORGANIC MICROALGAE
- HIGHEST GRADE OF SPIRULINA
- NUTRIENT-RICH DIETARY SUPPLEMENT
- RESEARCH EVIDENCE SHOWS SUPPORT OF HUMAN IMMUNOLOGICAL RESPONSE



# PRODUCT: DSW COLDAG



A BOOST TO AGRICULTURE: GRAPES GROW TO HARVEST WITHIN ONLY 120 DAYS, ALLOWING THREE CROPS PER YEAR.

# CEROS

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Excellence for Research in Ocean  
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New Ocean Technology for Hawai'i

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# Secure Homing System



# NELHA HISTORY

- 2004, HAWAI'I GATEWAY ENERGY CENTER COMPLETED.
- 2005, LANDMARK EVENT, OPERATION OF 55" DSW PIPELINE COMMENCES SERVICE FROM ~3000'.
- 2007/8, RFP FOR 3 MW RENEWABLE PROJECT
- 2008, RFP FOR 1 MW OTEC
  - INCLUDES PHASE II VERTICAL 55" PUMPS

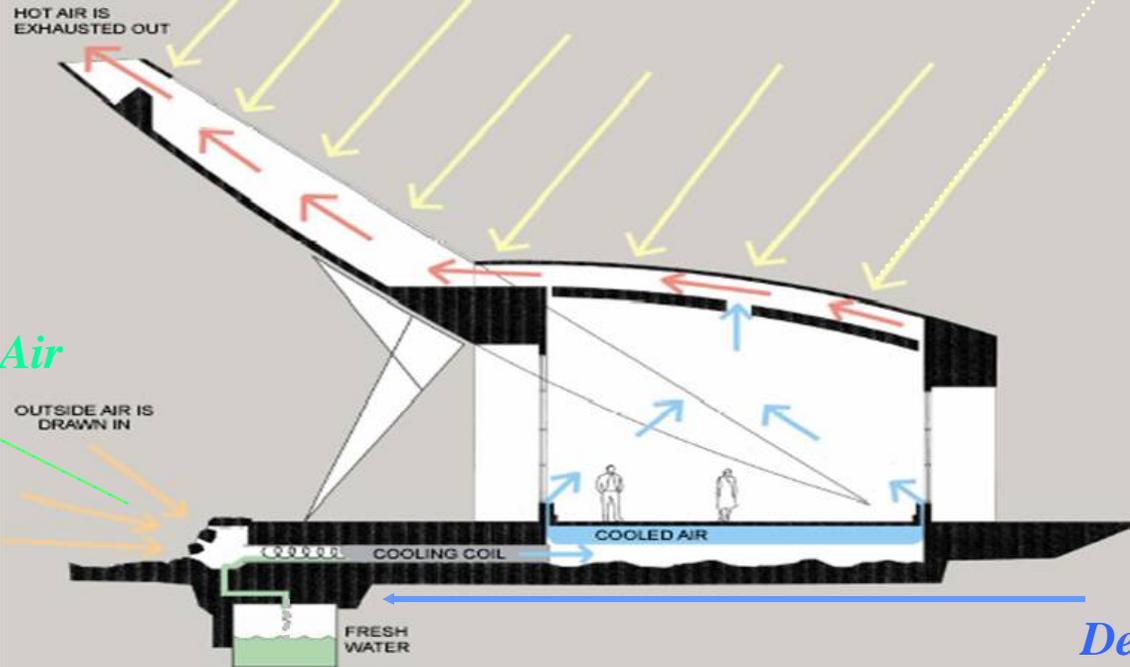
# HAWAI'I GATEWAY ENERGY CENTER AT NELHA



SOLAR CHIMNEY

*Solar Energy*

*Tropical Air*



**SECTION THROUGH THE GATEWAY  
VISITOR CENTER AND SOLAR CHIMNEY**

*Deep Sea Water*

# NELHA PAST & FUTURE

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– RESEARCH SUPPORT FACILITY.

– BUSINESS and TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR

– ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

# ENERGY

# Why Energy at NELHA?

- Charter for Natural Energy development
- Seawater Delivery is 60-80% Energy Cost
- Abundant Natural Resources
  - Highest Solar Insolation in Coastal US
  - Abundant cold = deep water
  - Abundant heat = surface water, solar intensity
  - Undeveloped land
  - West Hawai'i need
  - Majority of Power transmitted from East Side

# NELHA = GREEN ENERGY ZONE



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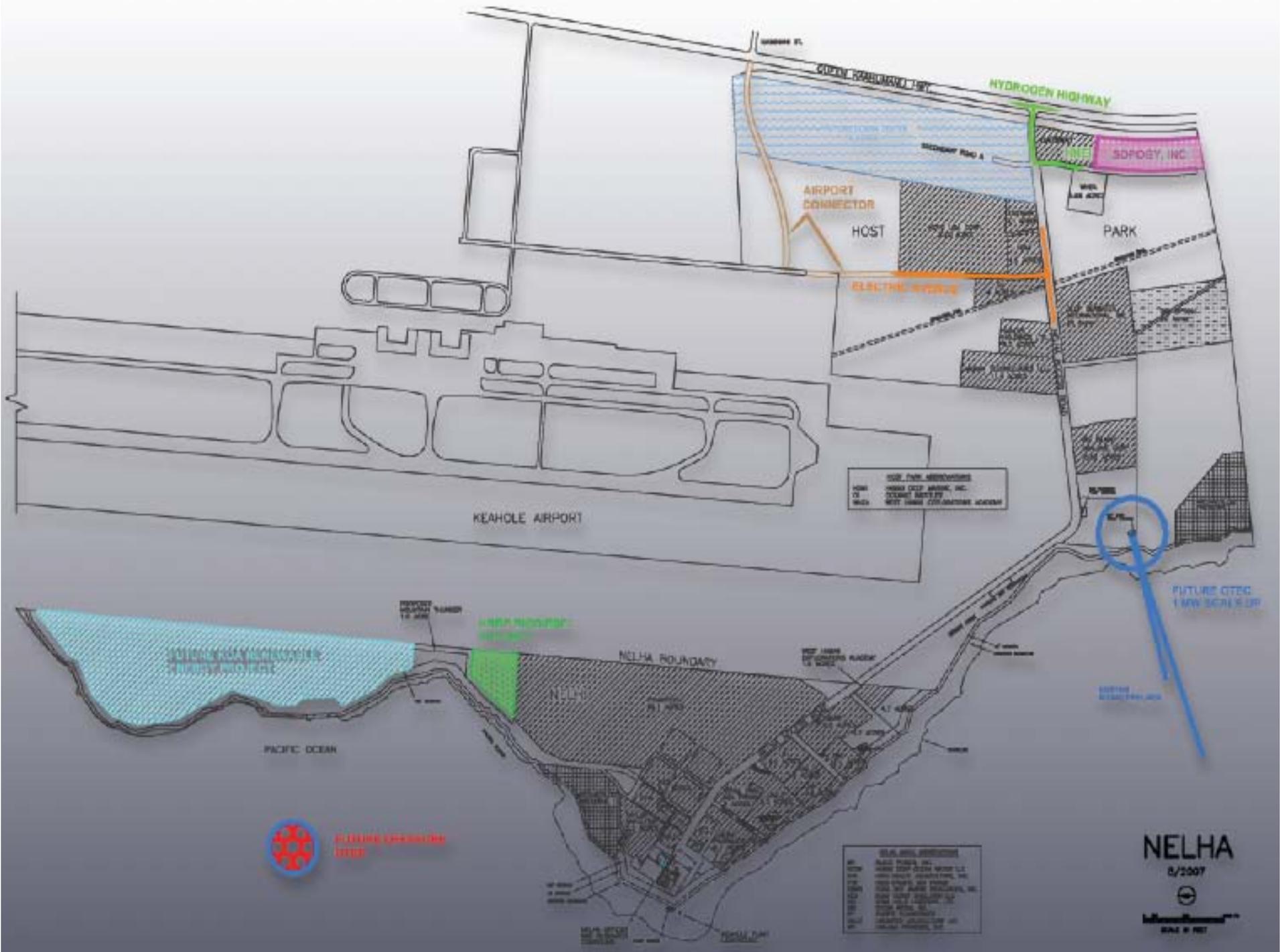


Green  
Energy

Fast  
Track  
Permitting

Tax  
Cuts  
Economic  
Incentives

Green  
Energy  
Zone



1. 1/2" = 100' (VERTICAL SCALE)  
 2. 1" = 100' (HORIZONTAL SCALE)  
 3. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE  
 4. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO CENTERLINE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED  
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**NELHA**  
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 SCALE 1/8" = 100'

**Energy Sustainability**

**High Technology Jobs**

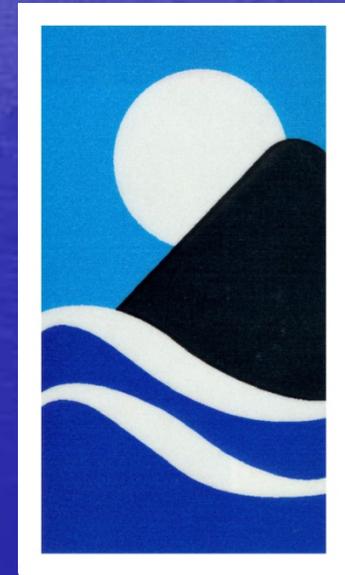
**Economic Diversification**



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**VISION STATEMENT:**  
Growing sustainable industries for the 21<sup>st</sup> century



# MAHALO